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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2004, for which Applicants have filed a request for a one-month extension of time to 11/28/04 in which to file a response, please see the following attached sheets for Amendments. The undersigned attorney expresses appreciation for the telephone conversation he had with Examiner Yu on 06/24/04 wherein a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group (a) wherein the analyte is a proteinaceous toxin (Group (i) wherein the ligand is specific to a proteinaceous toxin, and (Group (1) wherein the method of detection is through intrinsic fluorescence of the protein, claims 21-23, 26, and 53. Claims 24, 25, and 27-37 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Appreciation is also expressed for the office

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interview accorded the undersigned attorney and inventor Christopher R. Lloyd on November 9, 2004.

The specification and claims have been amended to reflect the understanding reached at the interview.